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SUBJ: SUPPORT FOR MEDIATION OF ZAIRE-ANGOLA DISPUTE

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1. FROM THE TOP TO BOTTOM, THE GRZ IS PREOCCUPIED WITH VISITS THIS WEEKEND OF SOVIET PRESIDENT PODGORNYY AND PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO. EXPRESSION OF CONCERN ON ZAIRE SITUATION IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY IN NEXT FEW DAYS EXCEPT IN THAT CONTEXT. THE EMBASSY IS DRAWING THE ATTENTION OF STATE HOUSE AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO SECRETARY VANCE'S STATEMENT OF MARCH 23 NOTING THAT IT CLEARLY DELINEATES THE U.S. POSITION AND THAT PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR A NEGOTIATED, AFRICAN
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SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL.

2. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO NOTE THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA SPOKE OUT PUBLICLY ON MARCH 23 CALLING FOR THE PROMPT RESOLUTION OF THE SHABA INCURSION AND FOR MOBUTU'S ACCOMMODATION OF "LOST BROTHERS" (REFTEL B).

3. IN PRIVATE, PRESIDENT KAUNDA TOLD ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR DURING ACCREDITATION CEREMONY THAT HE RECOGNIZES THERE HAD BEEN AN INVASION OF SHABA BY ANGOLA AND THAT ZAMBIA SUPPORTS THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ZAIRE.

4. AT A LUNCHEON FOR JOURNALISTS MARCH 25 KAUNDA SAID WITH REFERENCE TO SHABA SITUATION IT IS HIS HOPE THAT THESE "TWO SISTER REPUBLICS CAN SIT DOWN TOGETHER IN KEEPING WITH THE AFRICAN WAY AND DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS" (REFTEL C). KAUNDA WENT ON TO OBSERVE HE SEES NO REASON WHY THE PROBLEMS COULD NOT BE RESOLVED AND THIS IS HOW ALL AFRICA VIEWS THE SITUATION..
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